

and find out what's going on, what the president is saying. So I would suggest that the discussion over the electoral college change is much more relevant now than it was even 20 years ago, or 30 years ago. And I think the discussion will continue until indeed we do have some kind of a proposition coming back to the states. What LB 115 was, and purported to be anyway, was a compromise between doing away with the electoral system totally and retaining the system that we have now. There have been many discussions about the Unicameral over the years, about changing the Unicameral, but they were all earlier. I would disagree with Senator Kristensen again. There have been suggestions that we change it. There have been bills in the Legislature that we make it a partisan system, or that we make it a bicameral. But the discussion in the last few years has petered out, if you will, there...

PRESIDENT FOBAK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...perhaps it's because of the 50 some years of experience that we've had with the Unicameral. People aren't talking about it that much anymore. I would suggest to you that in 50 years of using the present system of allocating electoral votes, people won't be talking about it either. It will be custom, it will be tradition. It's new now, it's something different. To the best of my knowledge, Maine is not talking about changing their system, and they've had it since the 1960s. So I would suggest to you that we haven't even had a chance to try it but through one presidential election. And I would hate to see us undo it at this point. I have more that I would like to talk about, but I'll turn my light on again.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. The Chair recognizes Senator Withem, followed by Senators Wehrbein, Abboud, Kristensen and Schimek.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Madam President, members of the body, I would stand in opposition to the advancement of LB 65. I anticipate we'll probably have a significant amount of discussion on this bill, and then we'll vote. And what has been said during the discussion will not make one iota of difference about the way people vote. One of the things I'm fond of doing is going around the state and talking about the Legislature. And one of the things I do try to tell them is that, by and large, this Legislature is, in fact, a nonpartisan body when we're down here, except on a few issues. For some reason that I've never